

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”*



**January 22, 2023**

## **WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY**

## **LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**PRELUDE** *Savior, Like a Shepherd* arr. Joel Raney

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Sisters and brothers, today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

**ALL: In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

One: In baptism we are joined to Christ and we are joined together in unity, recalling

**ALL: "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."**

One: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine love. It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**ALL: Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **GLORIA PATRI\***

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**HYMN\*** *O Morning Star* #105

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the second verse

## **INVOCATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Choral Response

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 43:1-7

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

Call to Offering

Offertory *Bring It Home* Marty Parks

Song of Presentation\*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Offering Prayer\*

**HYMN\*** *Shall We Gather at the River* #701

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 3:13-17

**SERMON** *Remember Your Baptism*

Choral Response

**REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM PROMISES**

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus the Christ, to resist oppression, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus as best you are able?

**ALL: I do.**

One: And do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the church, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all the world?

**ALL: I do.**

Prayer

Reaffirmation of Baptism

If you choose, you may come forward to recall the promises of your baptism - made either by you or on your behalf by your parents or guardians. If you have never been baptized, consider whether this is the day you would like to start the journey toward your formal commitment.

Please come forward to the font and as you touch the water with your hand, and then your hand to your forehead with the water, say "**I am God's beloved!**" As you make your way back to your seat, join in our song, "Water, River, Spirit, Grace," #366 in the hymnal.

Prayer of Recommitment

**ALL: By your Spirit, Almighty God, grant us Love for others, Joy in serving you, Peace in disagreement, Patience in suffering, Kindness toward all people, Goodness in evil times, Faithfulness in temptation, Gentleness in the face of opposition, Self-control in all things, then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN\*** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #25

**BENEDICTION\*** - spoken and sung

**POSTLUDE** *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren* Johann Gottfried Walther

\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

## Calendar and Announcements

### Every Sunday

9am - Coffee House Crew  
10am - Worship  
10:30am - Church School  
11am - Coffee hour

### January 22-29

CE collection – College Care Packages

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5:30pm - Sr. Youth Group

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### January 23

1pm – Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm – Deacon Meeting

### January 24

7pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

### January 26

9am – Quilt Workshop  
7:30 – Choir Rehearsal

### January 27

3pm – Pathfinders, Senior Youth

### January 28

9am – Quilt Workshop

### January 29

Food Bank Collection – Souper Bowl  
11am – New Member Orientation

### January 30

1pm – Women's Bible Study

### January 31

7pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

### February 1

7pm – Bible & Brews – The Abbey

### February 2

7:30 – Choir Rehearsal

### February 5

Food Bank Collection – Souper Bowl  
5:30pm - Sr. Youth Group

### February 6

1pm – Women's Bible Study  
7:30pm – Investment Team Meeting

### February 7

7pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

7pm – Women's Ministry Book Club

### February 8

7pm – Church Management Ministry Meeting

### February 9

7:30 – Choir Rehearsal

### February 12

Called to Care Sunday  
Food Bank Collection – Souper Bowl  
11am Souper Bowl Luncheon

### February 13

1pm – Women's Bible Study

### February 14

7pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

### February 15

4:40pm – Baby Bundles  
7pm – Bible & Brews – Housatonic Brewing

### February 16

7:30 – Choir Rehearsal

### February 18

Men's Breakfast

### February 19

12noon – Camella's Cupboard, paint a bowl  
2pm - Camella's Cupboard, paint a bowl  
5:30pm - Sr. Youth Group

### February 20

1pm – Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm – Church Council Meeting

### February 21

5pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner  
7pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

### February 23

7:30 – Choir Rehearsal

### February 26

New Members Joining

### February 27

1pm – Women's Bible Study

### February 28

7pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Welcome** and thank you for joining us in-person or via live stream today. We invite you to sign up for our e-mail newsletter today, text FCCNEWS to 22828 or email [news@nmchurch.org](mailto:news@nmchurch.org). **Coffee Hour:** Please join us for coffee/tea and light refreshments for a time of fellowship after worship service. Please note that Coffee hour will be held in Fellowship Hall until further notice. The double metal doors will be propped open downstairs for those who have a hard time with the stairs and would like to come in from the outside.

**Thank you** to Rev. Carra McFadden for joining us today.

**The Christian Education Ministry** will be fundraising, January 22, & 29, for college care packages for our church kids who are currently college freshman. It will be \$20 per student for any who wishes to participate.

**Women's Bible study and fellowship:** Join us on Monday afternoons at 1pm in the Taylor room as we look at the stories of women in the bible. All are welcome, if you have any questions, please contact Leslie at [news@nmchurch.org](mailto:news@nmchurch.org)

**Quilt Workshop:** January 28 from 9:00am to 3:00pm or until we are finished. We ask that you bring lunch, drinks will be provided.

**Please join us:** Sunday February 19 as we help Camella's Cupboard with their Empty Bowl Fundraiser. We will meet at Create Escapes Studio, on West St, to paint bowls for Camella's Cupboard. Seats are limited, please See Cindy Hendricks or call the church office to secure your seat.

**Sunday bulletin information and announcements** are due **Tuesday by noon** each week. Please email [communicationsgroup@nmchurch.org](mailto:communicationsgroup@nmchurch.org) Thank you!

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